

TRIBUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN McMAHON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2021*

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff-Coroner John McMahon of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in California's 8th Congressional District. Sheriff McMahon has served as a law enforcement officer in San Bernardino County for the past 36 years. He began his career in 1985 as a patrol deputy at the Needles station in California's 8th District and has been promoted to every rank in the department since then, serving at a total of 15 stations during his career. In 2014, John was elected as the 35th Sheriff-Coroner of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and his leadership has been an invaluable asset to our law enforcement community.

During his tenure, Sheriff McMahon successfully led the department through many challenging times and high-profile incidents, including the December 2nd terror attack in San Bernardino. Long-term solutions implemented by his department have helped to keep crime down in our communities and improve safety across the largest county in our state. Under his leadership, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has become known as one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the nation. I wish Sheriff McMahon and his wife Shelly all the best as he begins his retirement and I thank him for his dedication to serving the people of San Bernardino County.

THANKING ANDREW LOFTON FOR A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON RETIREMENT

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2021*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrew Lofton's outstanding career with the Seattle Housing Authority and congratulate him on a well-earned retirement after nearly five decades in public service.

Over the course of his astonishing career, Mr. Lofton held a variety of titles including Chief of Staff to Mayor Norm Rice, Budget Director of the City of Seattle, Chief of Departmental Operations for the City of Seattle, and most recently, the Executive Director of Seattle Housing Authority.

The positive impact Andrew has made on his community cannot be stressed enough. Seattle is without a doubt better because of his hard work, dedication, and passion for developing affordable housing. Under his leadership as Executive Director, the Seattle Housing Authority grew by over 1,500 units making a world of difference for over 3,000 children and adults. He grew the Seattle Housing Authority to the largest it has ever been, serving over 37,000 Seattle residents in over 8,400 units.

In a career full of achievements, one that stands out is his role in organizing and leading the community of Moving to Work Housing Authorities and serving as the first President of the Moving to Work Collaborative. This work was absolutely critical in piloting a new approach to more effectively and efficiently using Federal housing resources to serve low income communities. Moving to Work agencies assist families with children where the head of the household is seeking work or participating in a workforce development program. Not only do they help these families become economically stable, but they also increase housing choices for low-income families. Because of Andrew's dedication, these programs remain successful in Washington and across the country.

Andrew was also pivotal in the Community Moves to Opportunity initiative. This partnership between Seattle Housing Authority, King County Housing Authority, and Raj Chetty's Opportunity Insights research team at Harvard paved the way to broaden geographic choice and access to opportunity neighborhoods for low-income families. This work has been foundational for new national mobility efforts funded by Congress and currently being rolled out by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Andrew Lofton on a distinguished career. The State of Washington is lucky to have had him working for its people and after 47 years of service he always worked with grace, a generosity of spirit, and a never-failing sense of humor.

### RECOGNIZING POLICE CHIEF MATT BURNS

### HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2021*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Police Chief Matt Burns for his 25 years of service with the Sioux Falls Police Department.

Chief Burns' career with the Sioux Falls Police Department began in 1996 as a patrol officer. He later went on to serve as a SWAT team member, detective, lieutenant, and assistant chief. In 2015, Burns became chief of police.

During his honorable career, Burns has spearheaded several key initiatives including promoting, designing, and funding the New Public Safety Training Center and leading the effort to host remote Basic Certification Academy classes.

Despite the many challenges the city of Sioux Falls has faced in recent years, I am grateful for Burns' leadership in keeping the community of Sioux Falls safe.

I commend Chief Burns for his outstanding record of service, hard work, and leadership. I extend my deepest congratulations to him on his well-earned retirement.

IN HONOR OF NICKI CLARKE FOR HER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE AT CAPITOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2021*

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere gratitude for Nicki Clarke as she moves on after fourteen years from her role as Executive Director of the Capitol Center for the Arts.

Over the span of Nicki's long and successful career, she has built a lasting memory as a leader and advocate for the arts in New Hampshire. Nicki has brought numerous rich and diverse art experiences to Granite Staters. Her leadership over the past fourteen years has been dynamic, innovative, and focused as she increased the number of shows and created the Bank of New Hampshire Stage. Her commitment to the theater and the community has touched the lives of so many in New Hampshire.

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District and all those who have benefitted from Nicki's work, I thank her for her incredible service and congratulate her on all that she has accomplished. I wish her the best of luck in the years ahead, and I look forward to our continued work together to make New Hampshire an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE

### HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2021*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great institution of higher education, Patrick Henry College, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

Through a commitment to high academic rigor, a fidelity to the spirit of the American founding, and an unwavering worldview grounded in biblical principles, Patrick Henry College has attracted excellent students from all 50 states and distinguished itself by forming alumni marked by their grace, humility, and wisdom.

Since its founding in 2000, Patrick Henry College has placed graduates in the White House and as clerks for four U.S. Supreme Court justices. Many alumni can be found leading in various roles of public service and helping to make our country and the world a better place.

It has captured 12 national moot court championships, the Nelson Mandela world championship, and last year was crowned national civic debate champion.

The United States of America is a better place because of the work of its alumni in the public square. I want to honor Michael Farris for having the vision and determination to plant Patrick Henry College for the purpose of educating future leaders and equipping them to have a strong Christian influence in their communities and the culture at large. I am